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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q83815

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Examiner: Gary S. HARTMANN

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For: TEMPORARY TRAFFIC BARRIER AND METHOD OF PROVISION THEREOF

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Response is supplemental to the Response filed on November 13, 2007. As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the teleconference of November 20, 2007. During the teleconference, the comments regarding the drawings, made in the July 13, 2007 Restriction Requirement, were discussed.

Group I including claim 1, recites that the tubular lower portion of the barrier unit is operable to be deformed around the traffic cone in an interference fit when the barrier unit is pressed into place. As noted in the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner questions how the deformable material of the tubular lower portion is shown. As explained during the teleconference, the aspect of being deformable is sufficiently described in the specification and constitutes a physical property of the material. Such a physical property is not necessarily

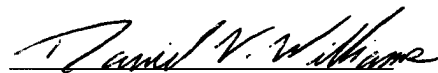
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conductive to illustration. However, it is pointed out that the exemplary embodiment of present Figure 4 shows the lower tubular portion (that is clearly described in the specification as being deformable) as being deformed around the top of the traffic cone 25.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for taking time to discuss elected Group I and the corresponding drawings. The Examiner requested that the above-noted remarks regarding the drawings be submitted in a Supplemental Response. As discussed, it is believed that based on the further explanation, the drawing objection should be overcome. Thus, it is believed that no further drawing changes are needed. If the Examiner disagrees for any reason, he is respectfully requested to inform Applicant.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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